



## **ROBERT SCOTT CORRECTIONAL FACILITY TO CLOSE IN MAY 2009**

The Michigan Department of Corrections plans to close Robert Scott Correctional Facility in May 2009. The Plymouth, Michigan facility has been open since 1991, operating as the reception center for newly-committed women prisoners and as a multi-level correctional facility.



Women prisoners will be transferred to the Huron Valley Complex – Men, which will be reconfigured to meet the requirements for housing women prisoners. This facility is adjacent to Huron Valley Complex – Women and Camp Valley, a minimum security camp for women prisoners.

The closing is consistent with the Department's continuing efforts to improve operational effectiveness, while maintaining the highest level of service to Michigan's citizens and the offenders in our care. It also re-emphasizes the Department's position that Michigan's prison system be "right-sized," based on the incarceration rates in our state.

There are several benefits to both the MDOC and the women prisoner population.

- It allows for consolidation of the women prisoner population, reducing transportation costs, and placing the prisoners in a geographic location that can better meet the unique needs of the women prisoner population.
- SCF is the only prison in the state with a population cap set in statute, meaning that the MDOC cannot house more than 880 prisoners at the facility. This cap limits management options and operational efficiency.
- By announcing the closure now, it gives the department ample time to plan a smooth transition for staff and prisoners.
- Closing the facility will result in \$12 million savings next fiscal year, and \$36 million per year after that – which is the annual operating cost of SCF.

A secondary benefit may be to the residents of Plymouth, who could see the eventual redevelopment of this valuable property within their city.

Prisoners at Huron Valley Complex – Men will be moved to facilities which provide for appropriate management of the prisoners, while continuing to address their programming and health care needs. A decision on their eventual placement will be made as the process continues.

The MDOC will work together with the various employee unions and non-represented employees to minimize the impact that this closure and reorganization will have on staff at the affected facilities.